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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *04 October 2004*.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *14-24* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *14-24* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

1. This action is responsive to the amendment filed on October 4, 2004. Claim 48 was newly added. Claims 1-27, 33-35, and 47-48 are pending. Claims 1-27, 33-35, and 47-48 represent an apparatus and method for anchored conversations adhesive in content supporting virtual discussion forums.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.
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> (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 14-20, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mantha et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,163,779.

Mantha teaches the invention as claimed including a method and system for enabling client side browsing functionality (see abstract).

As to claim 14, Mantha teache a method of consuming content located at network address, comprising the steps of:

connecting a user interface portable memory where the address is stored (see col. 12, lines 55-65, Mantha discloses that a removable memory can be used to store web page navigation history of the client);

connecting the network address to the user interface and manifesting the content to a user by operating the user interface (see col. 8, lines 1-60; col. 9, lines 1-60, Mantha discloses that a client browser is connected to a network address);

upon navigating to a given point in the content, ceasing to consume the content and causing the user interface to record data indicative of the aforesaid point on

the portable memory (see col. 8, lines 1-60, Mantha discloses that the client can save the navigation point and resume access at a later date);
subsequently reconnecting the portable memory to the user interface and using the address and the data stored on memory, connecting to the address and navigating directly to the aforesaid point of the content, the connecting and navigating steps and being performed by operating the user interface (see col. 8-12, Mantha discloses that the user can be reconnected to the point where navigation was stopped).

As to claim 15, Manthat teaches the method according claim 14, wherein the content is text, and the data includes an indication of the point in the text where a user stopped reading (see col. 11-12, Mantha discloses that the user is navigates to the pont in text documents that the user stopped reading).

As to claim 16, Mantha teaches the method according to claim 14, wherein the content is music, and the data includes an indication of the point in the music where a user stopped listening (see col. 9, lines 45-65, Mantha discloses that the ccontent can be music files).

As to claim 17, Mantha teaches the method according to claim 14, wherein the content is stored on server accessible via the Internet and the address a URL (see col. 10, lines 60-65).

Claims 18-20, and 24 do not teach or define any new limitations above claims 14-17 and theredore ae rejected for similar reasons.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 21-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mantha.

Mantha teaches the invention ssubstamtially as claimed including a method and system for enabling client side browsing functionality (see abstract).

As to claim 21, Matnha teaches the apparatus according to claim 20.

Manthat fails to teach the limitations wherein the data additionally includes preferred parameters relating to format in which the content is preferably manifest to a user.

However, "Official Notice" is taken that the concept and advantages of formatting content according to user capabilities is old and well known in the art.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Mantha by specifying formatting of content according to client capabilities. One would be motivated to do so to provide content in accordance with preference of the client.

As to claim 22, Mantha teaches the apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the content is text (see ccol. 8-9).

Manthat fails to teach the limitation wherein preferred parameters include at least one of font size, font type, and layout.

However, "Official Notice" is taken that the concept and advantages of formatting content including at least one of font size, font type, and layout is old and well known in the art.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Mantha by specifying formatting of content including at least one of font size, font type, and layout to meet client preferences. One would be motivated to do so to provide content in accordance with the visual preference of the client.

Claims 23 does not teach or define any new limitation above claim 22 and therefore is rejected for similar reasons.

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 14-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

7. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Saleh Najjar whose telephone number is (571)272-4006. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00am-6:00pm w/ first Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (703)308-7562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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